Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 9/ln1 and page 11/ln 12, respectively, with the following:

9/ln1

Compound (6).

6-Amino-5,7-~~dihloro~~ dichloro -2-methylbenzoxazole (3), (10.0g, 39.45mMole) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (150mL), cooled to approximately 15°C and dry pyridine (7.7mL, 94.66mMole) added. The 2-[(4-dodecyloxyphenyl)sulfonyl]butanoyl chloride (47.33mMole), dissolved in ethyl acetate (50mL), was then added to the solution at a fairly fast drip rate over a 15 minute period while maintaining good stirring and keeping the temperature at approximately 15°C. At the end of the addition, the cooling bath was removed and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for an additional 15 minutes. The reaction mixture was then washed with 2N-HCl (3x200mL), dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered and concentrated to an oil. The oil was dissolved in 25% ethyl acetate in heptane and subjected to flash chromatography eluting with 25, 30, 40 and finally 50% ethyl acetate in heptane. The second major band was collected to give the product bearing a 6-phenylsulfonylmethylcarbonamido group. Yield 7.5g.

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Compound (13).

6-Amino-7-chloro-5-fluoro-2-methylbenzoxazole (12), (4.5g, 22.43mMole) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (100mL), cooled to approximately 15°C and dry pyridine (4.3mL, 53.84mMole) added. 2-[(4-Dodecyloxyphenyl)sulfonyl]butanoyl chloride (26.92mMole), was dissolved in ethyl acetate (20mL), was then added to the solution at a fairly fast drip rate over a 15 minute period while maintaining good stirring and keeping the temperature at approximately 15°C. At the end of the addition, the cooling bath was removed and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for an additional 15 minutes. The reaction mixture was then washed with 2N-HCl (3x100mL), dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered and concentrated to an oil. This oil bearing a 6-phenylsulfonylmethylcarbonamido group solidified on standing and was used as such in the next step.